

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 11- on page 4-23 in the following manner:**

One part solution is in United States Patent No. 6,387,381 (hereinafter referred to as the '381 patent). The '381 patent discloses an extrudate with formed of a matrix having starch, sugar, fat, polyhydric alcohol and water in suitable ratios such that there exists a water activity of 0.6-0.75, for carrying an active ingredient. The water activity of the product matrix may be adjusted up or down for the active ingredient, be it pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, or a vitamin mineral complex. The claimed product is directed towards a product containing an additive, an extrudate comprising a matrix having about 10 to about 50% wt starch, a sweetener consisting essentially of sucrose, corn syrup and sorbitol, said sucrose being in an amount of at least 10%, and at least about 5% wt water, said composition having  $A_w$  of about 0.60 to about 0.75, and a soft and chewy texture, and said  $A_w$  being adjusted to permit an appropriate amount of free water in the presence of the additive. However, this product is limited to an extrudate ~~and not available in a tablet form of formulation.~~

**Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 13-16 on page 15 in the following manner:**

Exemplary fillers include, but are not limited to, a carbohydrate source, a protein source, antioxidants, such as [[Tenox]] TENOX<sup>®</sup> 8 (20% butylated hydroxytoluene in corn oil), gum, colorants, dyes, pigments, and the like. Generally, any ingredient may be used as a filler. In preferred embodiments, the filler is chosen so as not to adversely affect the palatability of the soft chew.

**Please amend the paragraph at line 10 on page 20 in the following manner:**

[[Tenox]] TENOX<sup>®</sup> 8

0.7

**Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 19-20 on page 20 in the following manner:**

3. The liquid components, beginning with the soybean oil, then the glycerin, and then the [[tenox]] TENOX<sup>®</sup> 8 were mixed in a steel beaker with a spatula.

**Please amend the paragraph at line 24 on page 22 in the following manner:**

[[Tenox]] TENOX<sup>®</sup> 8 0.7

**Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 7-8 on page 23 in the following manner:**

3. The liquid components, beginning with the soybean oil, then the glycerin, and then the [[tenox]] TENOX<sup>®</sup> 8 were mixed in a steel beaker with a spatula.

**Please amend the paragraph at line 24 on page 24 in the following manner:**

[[Tenox]] TENOX<sup>®</sup> 8 0.54

**Please amend the paragraph bridging lines 6-7 on page 25 in the following manner:**

3. The liquid components, beginning with the soybean oil, then the glycerin, and then the [[tenox]] TENOX<sup>®</sup> 8 were mixed in a steel beaker with a spatula.